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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

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SINGAPORE, SLEAT, &c.—SLEAT & CO., Singapore. O. HEINZEN & CO., Singapore.

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BANKS.

NOTICE

REGLES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS' BANK.

1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 3; Saturdays, 10 to 1.

2.—Sums less than \$1, or more than \$250 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$2,500 in any one year.

3.—Depositors in the Savings' Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent. per annum interest.

4.—Interest at the rate of 3½ per cent. per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balances.

5.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.

6.—Correspondence as to the business of the Bank is marked On Hongkong Savings' Bank Business is forwarded free by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.

7.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

For the
HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING
CORPORATION,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, September 1, 1888. 754

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING
CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....\$7,500,000
RESERVE FUND.....\$4,00,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PRO¹.....\$7,500,000
PRO¹TEES.....

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman—HOL. JOHN BELL-LEWIS.

Deputy Chairman—W. H. FORBES, Esq.

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Esq.

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Manager—EWEN CAMERON, Esq.

London Bankers—London and County
Bank.

HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits—

For 3 months, 4 per cent. per annum.

6 " 4 per cent. " "

12 " 5 per cent. " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, August 25, 1888. 363

Intimations.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND of 3 % or \$3.75 per

Share for the Six Months ended 30th June, 1888, declared at To-day's Ordinary Half-Yearly Meeting, will be payable at the Premises of the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION on and after TUESDAY, the 28th Instant, and SHAREHOLDERS are requested to apply for WARRANTS at the Company's Office, No. 14, Praya Central, Hongkong.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

D. GILLIES,
Secretary.

Hongkong, August 27, 1888. 1423

Intimations.

THE OFFICES of the Company have

This Day been REMOVED to 'Vic-

TORIA BUILDINGS', No. 5 QUEEN'S ROAD,

CENTRAL, Ground Floor.

JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, August 25, 1888. 1345

Intimations.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING
CORPORATION.

OLD or BROKEN NOTES will be
EXCHANGED for NEW ONES on application at the Offices of the Corporation.

For the
HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING
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T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, August 30, 1888. 1445

Business Notices.

GARDEN SEEDS.

SEASON 1888.

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LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

HAVE RECEIVED THEIR NEW STOCK OF

VEGETABLE AND FLOWER SEEDS.

SUTTON'S SELECTED ENGLISH SEEDS.

HENDERSON'S TESTED NEW YORK SEEDS.

Orders should be sent in at once. Detailed Lists sent on application.

SUTTON'S CONCENTRATED MANURE.

BOOKS UPON GARDENING.

GARDEN TOOLS.

GARDEN GLOVES.

ENGLISH-MADE WATERING CANS.

And

LAWN MOWING MACHINES.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, August 20, 1888. 1487

W. POWELL & CO.

CONTINUATION OF THE GREAT SALE.

REMAINS STILL IN OFFER

2,000 yards of Wide Needleworks, 20 Cents per yard.

1,000 yards of Lace, at 4 Cents per yard.

Admitted to be the CHEAPEST LINES EVER OFFERED in Hongkong.

W. POWELL & CO.

VICTORIA EXCHANGE, August 31, 1888. 1411

STAG HOTEL,

QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, HONGKONG.

J. COOK, Proprietor.

THE HOTEL IS CENTRALLY SITUATED AND WITHIN A FEW MINUTES' WALK FROM THE PRINCIPAL LANDINGS PLACES.

GOOD ACCOMMODATION FOR VISITORS.

CHARGES MODERATE.

TIFFIN at 1 o'Clock. DINNER at 7.30.

WELL VENTILATED BILLIARD ROOM.

TIFFIN 50 CENTS. DINNER 75 CENTS.

WINES, SPIRITS AND MALT LIQUORS OF THE VERY BEST QUALITY ONLY.

Hongkong, April 1, 1887. 607

victoria Hotel,

Praya and Queen's Road Central, Hongkong.

JAMES CANTLIE,
Hon. Sec. to the College.

Hongkong, July 13, 1888. 1446

COLLEGE OF MEDICINE FOR CHINESE.

RESIDENTS in the Colony would

BE FORWARDLY to the ALICE

MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

(1). Glass Jars (for museum purposes).

(2). Illustrated Papers and Books for the Student's Reading Room and Library.

Address to

JAMES CANTLIE,

Hon. Sec. to the College.

Hongkong, August 7, 1888. 1317

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING
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W. H. GASKELL, Acting Chief Accountant.

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Occidental & Oriental Steamship Company.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE, VIA THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND ATLANTIC & OTHER CONNECTING STEAMERS.

THE Steamship *BELGIC* will be despatched for San Francisco, via Yokohama, on SATURDAY, the 8th September, at 3 p.m.

Connection being made at Yokohama, with steamers from Shanghai and Japan ports.

All parcel packages should be marked to address in full; and same will be received at the Company's Office, until 6 p.m. the day previous to sailing.

First-class fares granted as follows:—

To San Francisco, \$320.00

To San Francisco and return, \$350.00

To all common points in Canada, \$30.00

To Liverpool, \$325.00

To London, \$330.00

To other European points at proportionate rates. Special reduced rates granted to Officers of the Army, Navy, Civil Service and the Imperial Chinese Customs, to be obtained on application.

Passengers, who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (or vice versa) within one year will be allowed a discount of 10%.

This allowance does not apply to through fares from China and Japan to Europe.

Conular Invoices to accompany cargo destined to points beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Offices, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 504, Queen's Road Central, C. D. HARMAN, Agent.

Hongkong, August 18, 1888. 1376



STEAM FOR

SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, ADEN, PORT SAID, MARSEILLES, MALTA, GIBRALTAR, BIINDISI, PLYMOUTH, AND LONDON:

ALSO, MADRAS, CALCUTTA, AND AUSTRALIA.

N.B.—Cargo can be taken on through Bills of Lading for BATAVIA, TRIESTE, HAMBURG, NEW YORK AND BOSTON.

SPECIE ONLY LANDED AT PLYMOUTH.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship *CATHAY*, Captain J. P. HANSELL, with Her Majesty's Posts, will be despatched from this for LONDON direct, via SUEZ on WEDNESDAY, 12th September, at Noon. Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m.

Parcels and Specie (Gold) at the Office until 4 p.m. on the day before sailing.

For further particulars regarding FREIGHT and PASSAGE, apply to the PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Office, Hongkong.

The Contents and Value of Packages are required to be declared prior to shipment.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Black Bills of Lading.

Passengers desirous of insuring their baggage can do so on application at the Company's Office.

E. L. WOODIN, Superintendent.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office, Hongkong, August 27, 1888. 1423

U. S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING AT YOKOHAMA, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

THE U. S. Mail Steamship *CITY OF PEKING* will be despatched for San Francisco via Yokohama, on TUESDAY, the 13th September, at 3 p.m., taking Passengers and Freight for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States, via Overland Railways to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Company's and connecting Steamers.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers.

First-class Fares granted as follows:—

To San Francisco, \$200.00

To San Francisco and return, \$350.00

To Liverpool, \$325.00

To London, \$330.00

To other European points at proportionate rates. Special reduced rates granted to Officers of the Army, Navy, Civil Service and the Imperial Chinese Customs, to be obtained on application.

Passengers, who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (or vice versa) within one year will be allowed a discount of 10%.

This allowance does not apply to through fares from China and Japan to Europe.

Conular Invoices to accompany cargo destined to points beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Offices in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 504, Queen's Road Central, C. D. HARMAN, Agent.

Hongkong, August 23, 1888. 1494

CANADIAN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, CANADA, THE UNITED STATES, AND EUROPE, VIA THE CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY AND OTHER CONNECTING RAILWAY LINES & STEAMERS.

THE British Steamship *PARTHIA*, 3,167 Tons Register, WALLACE, Commander, will be despatched for VANCOUVER, B.C., and SAN FRANCISCO, via KOBE and YOKOHAMA, on SATURDAY, the 8th September, at 3 p.m.

To be despatched by the S.S. *ABYSSINIA*, on the 4th October.

Connection being made at Yokohama, with steamers from Shanghai and Japan Ports, and Vancouver with Pacific Coast ports, by the regular Steamers of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company and other Steamers.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany, by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers.

First-class Fares granted as follows:—

To Vancouver & Victoria, \$160.00

To San Francisco, \$175.00

To all common points in Canada, \$30.00

To Liverpool, \$300.00

To London, \$305.00

To other European points at proportionate rates. Special reduced rates granted to Officers of the Army, Navy, Civil Service and the Imperial Chinese Customs, to be obtained on application.

Conular Invoices to accompany cargo destined to points in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Offices, addressed to Mr. D. E. BROWN, District Freight Agent, Vancouver, B.C.

Freight will be received on board until 4 p.m. on the 7th September.

All Parcels must be sent to our Office and should be marked to address in full; and the same will be received by us until 6 p.m. the day previous to sailing.

For information as to Passage or Freight, apply to ADAMSON, BELL & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, August 30, 1888. 1450

Intimations.

THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that all VESSELS DISCHARGING BOMBAY COTTON AND COTTON YARN at the KOWLOON WHARVES will have FREE STORAGE for 14 days from arrival, after which a Rent of 3 Cents per bale per month will be charged.

ISAAC HUGHES, Secretary.

Hongkong, November 7, 1887. 2148

CHAS. J. GAUPP & CO., Chronometer, Watch & Clock Makers, Jewellers, Gold & Silversmiths.

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ISAAC HUGHES, Secretary.

Hongkong, August 31, 1888. 1452

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, COLOMBO, ADEN, SULZ, PORT SAID, MEDITERRANEAN AND BLACK SEA PORTS, ALEXANDRIA, MARSEILLES, AND PORTS OF BRAZIL, AND LA PLATA; LONDON, HAVRE, BORDEAUX, DUNKIRK AND ANTWERP.

VOYAGEUR'S CELEBRATED BINOCULARS AND TELESCOPES, RITCHIE'S LIQUID AND OTHER COMPASSES, ADMIRALTY & IMRAY CHARTS, NAUTICAL BOOKS.

ENGLISH SILVER & ELECTRO-PLATED WARE, CHRISTIE & CO.'S ELECTRO-PLATED WARE, GOLD & SILVER JEWELLERY in great variety.

D I A M O N D S

— AND —

D I A M O N D J E W E L L E R Y, A Splendid Collection of the Latest London PATTERNS, at very moderate prices. 742

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Hongkong, August 31, 1888. 1452

NOTICE.

NETHERLANDS INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, SAMARANG AND SOURABAYA.

The Co.'s Chartered Steamship *Duke of Buckingham*, Capt. BURNSIDE, will be despatched as above on or about the 6th of September.

Contents and value of packages are required.

For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.

Hongkong, August 31, 1888. 1454

THE GIBB LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

(Calling at PORT DARWIN, QUEENSLAND PORTS, and taking through cargo for ADELAIDE, TASMANIA, NEW ZEALAND, &c.)

The British Steamer *Delosy*, Capt. EKINS, will shortly, with part cargo from JAPAN and FOOCHOW, be despatched as above on or about the 6th of September.

To be followed by the S.S. *Tartar* on or about the 20th of September.

For Freight or Passage, apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, August 31, 1888. 1453

SHIRE LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S.S. BRECONSHIRE, FROM HAMBURG, ANTWERP, LONDON, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNEES of cargo are hereby informed that all goods are being landed on their risk into the Godowns of the KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN CO. at Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

Optional cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before noon to-morrow.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns, and all goods remaining unclaimed after the 7th of September will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Underwriters on or before the 7th of September, or they will not be recognized.

No fire insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

ADAMSON, BELL & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, August 31, 1888. 1455

To-day's Advertisements.

IMPAIRED VISION.

LAWRENCE & MAYO'S PENFOLD PIGEOLS



Are clear, cool, & preserving to the sight.

M. R. LAWRENCE'S VISIT TO HONGKONG WILL TERMINATE ON THE 21ST SEPTEMBER.

HONGKONG HOTEL (Room No. 20), August 31, 1888. 1232

CONSULTATIONS FREE.

SPECTACLES VS. BLINDNESS.

VISION is justly described as the most important of our senses, and its loss is regarded as one of the greatest afflictions to which mankind is subject.

It is, therefore, of paramount importance that we should carefully use our sight, whilst perfect, and that when, unfortunately, the hold of Spectacles is felt to be necessary, the utmost care should be taken in the selection of them.

The late eminent Oculist, Dr. Joseph Wells, testified that he had no hesitation in stating that the haphazard plan of selecting Spectacles—employed by some Opticians—was frequently attended by serious consequences; that eyes were often permanently injured, which might, by skilful adaptation of glasses, have been preserved for years.

S. R. THOM, Esq., F.R.G.S., Barrister-at-Law, Singapore,

Writes:—

Mr. R. LAWRENCE & CO. will terminate on the 21st September.

For AMOY & MANILA.

Per *Zafiro*, at 3.30 p.m., on Saturday, the 1st September.

For YOKOHAMA & KOBE.

Per *Iphigenia*, at 3.30 p.m., on Saturday, the 1st September.

For AMOY & MANILA.

Per *Arriston*, at 11.30 a.m., on Saturday, the 1st September.

For SINGAPORE.

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The following paragraph occurs in the report of the Colombo Hotel Company.—An extraordinary Meeting of the Shareholders of this Company was held on 13th April last, to take into consideration a proposal to purchase this Company's property, for the sum of Rs. 225,000, and a resolution agreeing to sell the property for this sum, was passed by the Shareholders. In framing the resolution, no specific date was named for the purchase, as it was felt that circumstances might occur to prevent the details of such a large undertaking being settled within a limited time, but it was stipulated by the Board, that the purchase should be completed by 30th June last. This, however, the intending purchasers have found it impossible to accomplish, and an extension of time has been granted by the Board, who have, however, stipulated that a sum of Rs. 75 per diem should be paid in addition to the purchase money of Rs. 225,000, for each day that an instalment of the purchase money remained unpaid after the 15th June last, the date named by the Board for the payment of the first instalment.

With reference to the Router's telegram which we publish to-day about the uneasiness which the movements of the French and Italian fleets are giving rise to, the following paragraph from the *Ocean Mail* has a significant bearing:—The relations between France and Italy have been by no means cordial of late, as the existing Tariff shows. There have been unpleasant exchanges of ill-tempered criticism between the journals of the two countries, and a significant little frontier incident, and another not agreeable episode occurs in connection with President Garibaldi's tour. This latter incident, according to the Paris correspondent of the *Standard*, has been noted with displeasure as denoting the existence of a certain coolness with Italy. Chamberlain being close to the frontier, it is suggested that the fact of King Humbert not having sent an Aide-de-camp to compliment the President is a departure from the usual etiquette. It is also said that the President received with marked coldness the greetings of the Italian Consul. This is not all. There is a distinct friction between the two Governments with regard to a claim of the French Consul at Massowah, in virtue of the capitulations, to exercise certain rights in favour of those who are under French protection. Italy claims at Massowah "full sovereign rights" among others that of imposing municipal taxes on foreign residents. The French deny this claim, and the *Reform* of July 25 states that the Italian Commander-in-Chief has declined further intercourse with the French Consular agent. It is evident that the position is a delicate one, and in the present temper of the two nations might bring on a serious misunderstanding.

VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB
AQUATIC SPORTS.

The annual aquatic sports under the auspices of the Victoria Recreation Club commenced this afternoon. Messrs. F. Grimble and J. Sampson were umpires, Major Ellis, referee, Lieut. H. C. Metcalfe, starter, and Mr. G. Turner, official time-keeper. All the events were well-contested, the competitions in the majority of cases being very keen. There was as usual a large turnout of spectators. The following are the results of the competition:—

FIRST DAY.

Friday, 31st August, 1888.

OFFICERS.

Umpires—Monro Grimble and J. Sampson.
Referee—Major Ellis.
Starter—Lieut. H. E. Metcalfe.

Official Time-keeper—Mr. G. Turner.

1.—DIVING FOR OBJECTS, (9 entrants.)
J. C. Saunders 1
F. Shepherd 2
M. Frederick 3

2.—RUNNING HEADER FROM CROSS SPRING BOARD, (5 entrants.)
F. W. White 1
Fritz Lammet 2

3.—BOYS' RACE, (2 lengths.) Handicap, (9 entrants.)
E. A. Lummett 1
W. Stapani 2
Time, 83 sec.

4.—SHORT RACE, (2 lengths.) Open.
F. Shepherd 1
J. Richardson 2
F. Lammett 3
Time, 71 sec.

5.—HEADER FROM STAGE, (6 entrants.)
M. Frederick 1
F. W. White 2
F. Lammett 3

6.—LONG RACE, (Round the Red Buoy and back.) Handicap, (9 entrants.)
J. C. Saunders 1
A. da Mello 2
Time, 7m. 152 sec.

7.—HURDLE RACE, Handicap, (10 entrants.)
Ch. Kew 1
F. Grimble 2
Time, 82 sec.

8.—TOE OF WAR, (10 Big Boys v. 20 Small Boys), Won by Big Boys.

CORRESPONDENCE.

BUREAUCRACY, BEGGARS AND BONFIRES.

To the Editor of the CHINA MAIL.
Hongkong, 31st August, 1888.

Sir,—I was astonished last night to find you come forward and defend the silly charge made by the *Daily Press* against the Governor. His Excellency clearly showed in his reply to the Hon. B. Layton that the statements made by your contemporary were only half-truths; and it turned out, as it nearly always does, that half-truths are more misleading than whole falsehoods. What are the real facts of the case?

A serious disease is spreading with alarming rapidity in the Gaol. The Governor of the Gaol represents to His Excellency that the beggars sent to prison are invariably in such a filthy condition as to render them a serious danger to the health of the place. Here was cause for prompt action, and where red-tape formalities would have been foisted aside, the Governor had issued an order to the police to prosecute beggars. A high and dry functionary or sister-of-the-law worshipper might not have done this; but a very sensible man would have taken this step. At the same time as he issues this order he begins to make arrangements with the police for repatriating the beggars. When the danger in the Gaol is over he recalls the order; but in the meantime the repatriating of the beggars has been going on, and His Excellency gives instructions that this system of dealing with the nuisance—by far the best one—be continued, and that the Gaol be no more crowded with beggars.

After the whole thing is finished your contemporary bursts out with revelations, in which facts are sadly mixed up with falsehoods. And you actually go and support him! I do not think there can be two opinions in the minds of right-thinking men in the Colony. The Governor could not have acted better, and may be long content to subordinate bureaucratic formalities to common sense and justice. He has showed himself to be something

THE HOLLYWOOD ROAD ARSON CASE.

Mr Wadehouse heard further evidence in the Police Court to-day in connection with the charge against Chang Chi, accountant, Choi Kai, cook, and Tong Yung, shop-coolie, who are alleged to have set fire to the shop No. 88 Hollywood Road. Mr Stokes appeared on behalf of the Straits Fire Insurance Co. and Mr Wotton for the defendant.

Mr Stokes asked whether His Worship would now decide the application for joining this case with the case in which Li Ayuk, the master of the shop, is defendant. His Worship said he had thought over the matter and had decided that it would be better to keep the two cases separate.

Tsing Amun, undertaker, examined by Mr Stokes, said—I live at number 88 Hollywood Road, next door to the Kut Fung. On the morning of the 19th instant I was sleeping outside my shop. About three o'clock I heard the Hung San boy cry out, "Fire." I called out, "Run! Run! on fire." I saw smoke coming out from the shop. I saw the second and third defendant come out of the shop. They did not call out.

The first defendant came out immediately after the other two. He led me under his arm. I called out to the Hung San boy to arrest him. When he took hold of him the other two defendants came back and pushed away the Hung San boy. After chasing the first defendant, they all ran in the direction of the Man Mo temple. I saw fire in the Kut Fung under the shop where the canaries are kept. I was then standing inside the shop about four feet from the door. I noticed a strong smell of kerosene and I saw kerosene running up to eight knots, on a course N. by E. W. The fire was very small, having been in the habit of going there to make purchases. The accountants sleep in the shop and the third defendant also sleeps there. The third defendant's bed was placed just inside the door. I was in the shop the night before the fire. I saw no sign of any bed there. I had known the Kut Fung for more than two years. The business of the shop was very dull of late. There used to be rice-pounds in the shop, but about twenty days ago they ceased to employ them. People very seldom went to the shop to make the purchases; they went chiefly to the Wing Ching shop. There was not much goods in the shop of late. I should say there was not more than about \$200 worth of goods in the place. The stock I saw two days before the fire was much less than they used to have. Since the month of June this year the stock was lessened.

Such interference on behalf of the Chinese is apparently pool-pooled by the *Daily Press* as silly sentimentalism. You say the Chinese are keen to watch such concoctions so that even when interference may be not unjustifiable, it is more calculated to do evil than good. The logic of this argument is that the Governor ought to have allowed the bogies to rot in Gaol and contaminate their fellow prisoners, and should have permitted the police to suppress a religious ceremony, whether dangerous or not, because an imperfect law gave, or was about to give, them powers worthy of the Inquisition of Spain. Extended to its ultimate conclusions your reasoning would prove that no concessions at all ought to be granted, that injustice should be allowed full course, for fear the people should ask more than what is right. Such have been the arguments of the most invertebrate enemies of liberty and pro res over than the world began. A Parisian mob interdicts liberty as meaning anarchy, and consequently, it is argued, liberty must be refused to all peoples. The great point to consider is—are concessions just? If they are, they ought to be granted. I was not in the Colony when Governor Hennessy was here and cannot speak personally as to his doings. I believe he often was regardless of the means by which he attained his ends. But because he may have abused the prerogatives of Governor is no argument why Governor des Vaux should not be the progressive in an eminent just manner. The great science of governing is to be just and as we're Governor des Vaux has shown that he however will be merciful, and I have no doubt he will be just and severe when the occasion demands.

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Mr Wotton objected to the question.

His Worship overruled the objection.

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